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11. (U) Post concurs with reftel's proposed programming but recommends modifications to three items:

--Cross Border training for Afghan, Tajik, Uzbek, and Turkmen Customs officers at Towraghundi, Heratan, Shir Kan Bandar, Torkham, and Islan Qalah: Security and lodging concerns at these locations requires changing the training dates and identifying alternative sites for training venues. EXBS Afghanistan will work with the EXBS Advisors in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Border Management Task Force (BMTF) to conduct the training at sites where adequate security and lodging are available.

--Training room renovations at the Kabul International Airport and Afghan Customs Department: The contracts for these two projects will be postponed until March 2010 to allow EXBS sufficient time to conduct assessments, draft a Statement of Work, and contract a company to do the work.

--Afghan Customs Department training scheduled for 2009: All of the Department of Homeland Security/Customs and Border Protection (DHS/CBP) training slated for 2009 must be postponed into 2010. EXBS has not received any projected dates from DHS/CBP for the training. EXBS will require two months of lead time to organize participants and venues.

12. (U) Post appreciates Department's support of the EXBS program.

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